

Dear FCC,

I am writing to express my deep concern at Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to air the anti-Kerry film, "Stolen Honor," just days before our nation's presidential election. Broadcasting stations use our public airwaves free of charge in exchange for which they are required-- by law-- to serve the public interest. Airing what is at the very least a controversial anti-Kerry film and what less generously might be called a feature length smear ad does not serve the public interest at all. Rather, it is an example of a company using its access to our airwaves to interfere with our democratic process. As a sort of in kind donation to the Bush campaign, this airing might be viewed as illegal as well. Certainly, to call this film "news" in an effort to skirt our laws is an abuse that should be stopped now. I hope that the FCC will intervene for the good of our democracy.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration.

Sincerely,
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